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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/082,643	Applicant(s) KAISER ET AL.	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 February 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 25 February 2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Notice to Applicant

1. The communication is in response to the application filed 25 February 2002.

Claims 1-27 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kirshner (6,322,504).
4. As per claim 1, Kirshner teaches a method for determining the presence of a condition of a patient's heart (Kirshner; Abstract), the method comprising the steps of:

Reading at least one parameter value of a bio-medical signal of a patient (Kirshner; Fig. 8(2) and Col. 14, lines 60-65); and

Determining the likelihood of the presence of a condition of a patient's heart based on at least one parameter value (Kirshner; Col. 12, lines 8-13), the step of determining including the step of comparing at least one parameter value of the bio-

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medical signal with all corresponding parameter values stored in a database (Kirshner; Col. 14, lines 34-36 and Col. 17, lines 29-57).

5. As per claim 2, Kirshner teaches the method wherein the bio-medical signal comprises an ECG of the patient (Kirshner; Fig. 8(2) and Col. 14, lines 60-65).

6. As per claim 3, Kirshner teaches the method wherein the step of determining includes the step of calculating a comparison result for a condition based on the comparison of at least one parameter value of the patient with the corresponding parameter values stored in the database (Kirshner; Col. 17, lines 49-57). Examiner notes that the "risk factor" is the value to be calculated and compared.

7. As per claim 4, Kirshner teaches the method wherein the step of calculating includes the step of determining whether the comparison value for the condition is TRUE (Kirshner; col. 13 lines 20-24). Examiner interprets "positive risk factors" to be the same as determining whether the comparison value for a condition is TRUE.

8. As per claim 5, Kirshner teaches the method wherein the step of determining further includes the step of calculating a probability value representing the likelihood of the presence of a condition based on the comparison results for the condition (Kirshner; Col. 14, lines 32-35).

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9. As per claim 6, Kirshner teaches the method further comprising the step of entering at least one parameter value of the patient, prior to the reading step (Kirshner; Col. 10, lines 25-39).

10. As per claim 7, Kirshner teaches the method wherein at least one parameter value of the patient is entered via a browser (Kirshner; Col. 2, lines 24-27).

11. As per claim 8, Kirshner teaches the method determining the presence of a condition of a patient's heart, the method comprising the steps of:

Entering at least one parameter value of an ECG of a patient (Kirshner; Fig. 8(2) and Col. 14, lines 60-65);

Comparing at least one parameter value of the ECG of a patient with all corresponding parameter values stored in a database (Kirshner; Col. 16, lines 4-36);

Calculating a comparison result associated with a condition relating to the corresponding parameter values stored in the database (Kirshner; Col. 17, lines 49-57);
and

Calculating a probability value representing the likelihood of the presence of a condition based on the comparison result (Kirshner; Col. 14, lines 32-35).

12. Claims 9 and 10 repeat the limitations of claim 7 and 4 respectively and the reasons for rejection are incorporated herein.

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13. As per claim 11, Kirshner teaches the method wherein the step of calculating the probability value includes the step of determining the frequency of occurrence of the condition based on the comparison results (Kirshner; Col. 16, lines 4-36).

14. Claim 12 repeats the limitations of claim 1 and the reasons for rejection are incorporated herein. Kirshner further teaches using a computer program for performing the method described in claim 1 (Kirshner; Col. 2, lines 28-30).

15. Claims 13-16 repeat the limitations of claims 2-5 and the reasons for rejection are incorporated herein.

16. Claim 17 repeats the limitations of claim 1 and the reasons for rejection are incorporated herein. Kirshner further teaches a system comprising a server and a computer program for performing the method described in claim 1 (Kirshner; Col. 5, lines 24-26).

17. Claims 18-22 repeat the limitations of claims 2-5 and the reasons for rejection are incorporated herein.

18. Claims 23-27 repeat the limitations of claims 17-22 and the reasons for rejection are incorporated herein.

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Conclusion

19. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Linh-Giang Michelle Le whose telephone number is 571-272-8207. The examiner can normally be reached on 8 AM - 5PM, M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph Thomas can be reached on 571-272-6776. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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